PDB FKGGB

FEB 2 4 2004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): P. Bonutti

Confirmation No. 5055

Application No.: 09/728,553

Attorney Docket No: 780-A02-033

Filed: December 2, 2000

Group Art Unit: 3743

For: TRACHEAL INTUBINATION

Examiner: A. Lewis

Mail Stop NON-FEE AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 24, 2003, Applicant hereby submits the following amendments, remarks, and request for reconsideration.